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Memorandum

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DATE: 12 June 1973

TO : Director, Domestic Contact Service

25X1A ATTN : International Division [REDACTED]

25X1A FROM : Chief, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: World Oil 1971 Facts and Figures/Copyright Infrac-tion
Against Petroleum Publishing Company

1. On 8 June 1973 [REDACTED] approached George H. Weber, editor, The Oil and Gas Journal, Petroleum Publishing Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, (Approved/Secret 23 August 1971) to obtain permission for the Agency to use Oil and Gas Journal data in the publication World Oil 1972 Facts and Figures. Weber appeared suspicious from the opening request and insisted on knowing exactly what data was to be used, how much, from which of his publications, and how widely circulated would be the World Oil 1972 Facts and Figures.

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2. Because World Oil 1971 Facts and Figures gives no credit lines nor sources for its information, [REDACTED] was not able to explain in detail what Weber wanted. Weber then asked to examine a copy of the publication before he could answer. A short while later [REDACTED] brought a copy of World Oil 1971 Facts and Figures to Weber for a short scrutiny. At the same time he told Weber that fewer than one thousand copies would be published and less than half of these would be provided to business sources.

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3. Weber glanced through the publication quickly, then told [REDACTED] that he could not authorize the use of any data that was covered by copy-right laws from any Petroleum Publishing Company publications. Weber explained that the Agency publication, World Oil 1971 Facts and Figures, appeared to him to be in direct competition with Weber's company's International Petroleum Encyclopedia which also is put out annually and costs approximately \$30.

4. Furthermore, he said it appeared to him in the cursory glance he gave that tables, maps, and other portions of the Agency book published therein were a flagrant violation of copyright laws. He did not wish to examine it intently because he did not want to know how thoroughly or completely the copyright laws had been broken and to what extent material had been copied without even acknowledging the source. Nevertheless, he repeated that he could authorize no use of any of the material, and he hoped that using his data would not recur.

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5. [REDACTED] was somewhat startled by Weber's reply to the request for permission. However, he quickly saw Weber's position and told Weber that such use would not recur. The Agency would not use Oil and Gas Journal information without the firm's express permission. Weber then explained that he was sorry he had to refuse permission, but brought a copy of International Petroleum Encyclopedia and a brochure to document his impression the competition that World Oil 1972 Facts and Figures would give International Petroleum Encyclopedia for 1973 or possibly had given it in the past.

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6. Weber then told [REDACTED] he appreciated [REDACTED] bringing this matter to his attention and being forthright enough to request permission for material that it looked at first glance had been used previously without permission. He reiterated that he was sorry that he had to take this negative stand and hoped that it would not impair the cordial relations between [REDACTED] and the Petroleum Publishing Company. [REDACTED] assured him that it would not and that he would continue to regard Weber and the Petroleum Publishing Company as excellent sources and close friends of the Agency. On that note of harmony the interview was terminated.

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7. In view of this, the request is strongly made that whatever data has been compiled from Oil and Gas Journal or other Petroleum Publishing Company publications be no longer used in any form. Any information that appears that it even might be construed to come from those sources should be altered somehow to no longer appear as if it might have been lifted from those publications. Otherwise the Agency may find itself in a lawsuit, although that threat was not uttered nor even hinted by Weber. In fact, possibly attention should be given to purchasing copies of the International Petroleum Encyclopedia at \$32.50 per copy (unless [REDACTED] can obtain a reduction in price for quantity orders) for use by analysts or to give to any sources who might be upset by no longer receiving copies of World Oil Facts and Figures. A copy of the brochure for International Petroleum Encyclopedia is enclosed for examination.

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Enclosure: As described

File: George H. Weber,
Editor, Oil and Gas Journal, Petroleum
Publishing Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional) Possible Copyright Violation in Use of Petroleum Publishing Company
Material in OER's World Oil 1971: Facts and Figures

FROM: DCA/International Division
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The attached memorandum is provided for your information and retention. The memorandum discusses a DCS inquiry on behalf of OER as to the possible use of material copyrighted by the Petroleum Publishing Company in the OER publication World Oil 1972: Facts and Figures. The question of the use of copyrighted material in this publication apparently developed in recent conversations between OGC and OER Petroleum Branch representatives. A copy of this memorandum has also been sent to OER's Petroleum Branch. Please advise if we can be of any further service in this matter.

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